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11. (SBU) Post delivered talking points in reftel on May 22, 2009 to Pham Tien Phong, Director of the World Bank Division at the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV). Phong replied that, following our meeting, his division would prepare a recommendation on the issue for the Governor of the SBV. He was not able to predict what the Governor would decide, but stated that he was "pleased to have the input of the United States" on the matter. Post also encouraged the SBV to cast a ballot no matter what its position so that quorum could be achieved. The points were also delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 22.

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